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SUBJECT:LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM - RESERVE MOBILIZATION

REF: SACLANT 261845Z JAN 78 (NOTAL)

1. FOR USNATO AND USDEL MC: UNLESS YOU HAVE OBJECTIONS,
USLO SACLANT WILL PASS INFORMATION IN PARA 3 TO SACLANT.

2. FOR USLO SACLANT: PROVIDED NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED
BY COB, 3 FEBRUARY, PLEASE PASS INFORMATION IN PARA 3 BE-
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3. FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST CONTAINED
IN REFTTEL:

A. QUESTION: IN ANY GROUP OR CLASS OF SHIPS SOME ARE
USUALLY IN CONSIDERABLY BETTER CONDITION THAN OTHERS.

WITH THIS IN MIND AND IN VIEW OF THE GREAT SHORTAGE OF MCM RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE ALLIANCE, WOULD SECDEF SUPPORT THE RETENTION IN NRF OF SOME OF THE OLDER MSOS THAT ARE IN BETTER SHAPE THAN OTHERS UNTIL 1990, THROUGH CANNIBALIZATION, IF NECESSARY, IN ORDER THAT 25 MSOS MADE UP OF OLD AND NEW VESSELS ARE READY FOR SERVICE UP TO 1990.

REPLY: IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN SECSTATE 017111 (210103Z JAN 78) IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT ANY OF THE CURRENT 25 MSOS WILL BE IN SUCH CONDITION TO BE RETAINED PAST THE PROGRAMMED STRIKE DATE OF 30 YEARS SERVICE LIFE. THOSE MSOS THAT WERE IN ISNAC HAVE ALL BEEN STRIPPED, THEIR PARTS GOING TO MAINTAIN THE ACTIVE/NRF MSOS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD FOR SCRAP. THE REMAINING 25 WOODEN HULL MSOS WILL STRIKE AS PROGRAMMED, FY 1984 - 1987, AND RETENTION BEYOND THAT POINT, BY CANNIBALIZATION, IS NOT CONSIDERED A FUNCTIONAL OPTION. A NEW CLASS OF MCM SHIP, WITH A DEEP OCEAN CAPABILITY, WILL ENTER THE FLEET COMMENCING IN FY 1983. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MCM SHIPS PLANNED IS 19, WITH 5 FUNDED IN THE FYDP AND THE REMAINDER TO BE FUNDED IN THE 85-90 TIMEFRAME. TWO AIR MCM SQUADRONS, EACH WITH EIGHT AMCM HELOS (SPECIFICALLY RH-53D'S OR FOLLOW ON), TASKED FOR SHALLOW WATER MINE COUNTERMEASURES, WILL ALSO BE IN COMMISSION THROUGH 1990.

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B. QUESTION: DOES SECDEF CONSIDER TWO WEEKS ANNUAL TRAINING FOR ALL READY NAVAL RESERVISTS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FILL WAR ESTABLISHMENTS IN SHIPS AND HEADQUARTERS A REASONABLE LTDP GOAL?

REPLY: THE US NAVY READY RESERVE IS COMPOSED OF THE SELECTED RESERVE AND THE INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE (IRR). SELECTED RESERVE PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO DRILL DURING THE YEAR AS WELL AS PERFORM TWO WEEKS ANNUAL TRAINING. IRR PERSONNEL ARE MOBILIZABLE RESERVES WHO GENERALLY HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED ACTIVE DUTY AND WHO HAVE NO TRAINING OBLIGATION. TWO WEEKS ANNUAL TRAINING FOR THE SELECTED RESERVE IS NOT CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT. THE SELECTED RESERVISTS SHOULD ALSO DRILL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN ADDITION TO TWO WEEKS ANNUAL TRAINING IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN PROFICIENCY. TWO WEEKS ANNUAL TRAINING FOR THE IRR IS CONSIDERED TO BE A REASONABLE LTDP GOAL.

4. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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